



After Final Rejection

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In re application of: Bass, Ralph L. Docket Number: 014123-000008
Application Number: 09/721,131 Art Unit: 1616
Filed: November 22, 2000 Examiner: Frank Choi
For: METHOD FOR TREATING HIV

Commissioner for Patents
Box AF
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

This is responsive to the Final Rejection dated August 23, 2002, having a 3-month term for responding that expired on November 23, 2002.

A Petition for a 3-month Extension of Time is enclosed in order to extend the time for responding up to and including February 23, 2003. Since February 23, 2003 is a Sunday, the actual due date is Monday, February 24, 2003.

Also, since this Response is being submitted on February 21, 2003, which is close to the total statutory 6 months, a Notice of Appeal is enclosed to extend the time for 2 months up to and including April 21, 2002 to provide the Examiner sufficient time to forward his Advisory.

Additionally enclosed is a check for \$625.00 for the small entity status fees (\$465.00 for the 3-month Extension fee + \$160.00 for the Notice of Appeal fee).

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Remarks.

REMARKS

In the Final Rejection, the Examiner rejected all of claims 22 - 42 under 35 U.S.C. §101 for lacking credible utility.